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MR. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"Did the Government think that the provisions of the Bill were mandatory, if so, why was not the same principle observed with regard to panchayats? Should they not enquire whether or not the new boards would be self-supporting?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"I do not see why any special officer should be appointed for this purpose. The provision was that each revenue taluk should be constituted into a separate taluk board."

Application for a loan from the Cumbum Taluk Board.

* 657 *Q.*—S. M. K. BEYABANI SAHIB Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Cumbum and Markapur taluk boards in the Kurnool district have applied for a loan of Rs. 20,000 each, through the President, District Board;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Markapur Taluk Board alone got the said loan or advance;

(*c*) whether the President, District Board, Kurnool, recommended the application for loan for the Cumbum Taluk Board;

(*d*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House his recommendations; and

(*e*) what steps the Government have taken with regard to the arrears of salaries of teachers in the Cumbum Taluk Board?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) The Government have received an application from the Markapur Taluk Board for an advance of Rs. 20,000 to meet its outstanding liabilities and the matter is under the consideration of the Government. The Cumbum Taluk Board first applied to the Kurnool District Board for a contribution of Rs. 20,000 from the general funds of the latter and for a loan of Rs. 20,000 from the District Board Railway Cess Fund or, if a contribution was not possible, for a loan of the entire sum from the District Board Railway Cess Fund. The President, District Board, thereon reported that this taluk board was spending on an extravagant scale and that it was not possible to comply with its request until it made its normal receipts cover the normal expenditure. It is open to the taluk board to apply to Government for an advance of the amount required to meet its outstanding liabilities after effecting necessary retrenchments in expenditure so as to make repayment of the advance possible. The President, Taluk Board, Cumbum, has since applied to Government for a compassionate grant of Rs. 10,000 to wipe off its deficit. The Government have decided that pending the proposed abolition of taluk boards no compassionate grant should ordinarily be given to taluk boards.

(e) The Government have not taken any action on the subject but they are prepared to consider any proposals which the taluk board or the district board may make.

Income from tolls both prior to and after the passing of the Madras Motor Vehicles Taxation Act.

* 658 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) what the income was from tolls throughout the Presidency for the five years preceding the coming into effect of the Motor Vehicles Act;

(b) what the annual income is on motor vehicles for each year after the Act was put into force; and

(c) what the original amount anticipated by the Government under this head was at the time of passing the Motor Vehicles Act?

A.—(a) A statement [a] is laid on the table.

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(b)	1931–32	29,96,349
	1932–33	40,68,461
	1933–34	24,02,486
	(April 1933—November 1933).*	

(c) Rupees 66 lakhs.

* Final figures for December 1933 are not available.

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—"Is not the little fall in the receipts under this head due to the general depression?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"I do not think the fall is small. It is serious. In 1932–33 the receipts were only 40 per cent; last year it was over 50 per cent."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—"The figures given here show that generally, you have been able to realize 40 lakhs out of 60 lakhs. Is not the fall of 20 lakhs due to the present economic depression prevailing throughout India and all over the world?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"No, Sir."

Hardship due to the operation of the Motor Vehicles Taxation Act in Coorg.

* 659 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the hardship and inconvenience caused to motorists in South Kanara and Coorg as the result of the Motor Vehicles Taxation Acts now in operation in both the places; and

(b) whether the Governments of Madras and of Coorg have under consideration any proposal to modify the Acts in the interests of the travelling public?

[a] Printed as Appendix VI on page 113 infra.